

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 1138–1158; 1 private bill, H.R. 1159; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 73, and H. Res. 96–97, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No Reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by Rabbi Hillel Cohn, Congregation Emanu El of San Bernardino, California.

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United States Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Gilman, LaTourette, and Cannon to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

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John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Speaker Hastert and Representatives Kolbe and Gephardt to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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Consideration of Suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 92, the rule that provided for consideration of motions to suspend the rules on March 21.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Revised Edition of "Black Americans in Congress": H. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Black Americans in Congress, 1870–1989" (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 53);

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Exceptions to Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995: H.R. 1042, amended, to prevent the elimination of certain reports (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 54);

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Maritime Policy Improvement Act: H.R. 1098, to improve the recording and discharging of maritime liens and expand the American Merchant Marine Memorial Wall of Honor (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 415 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 55); and

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Independent Telecommunications Consumer Enhancement: H.R. 496, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to promote deployment of advanced services and foster the development of competition for the benefit of consumers in all regions of the Nation by relieving unnecessary burdens on the Nation's two percent local exchange telecommunications carriers.

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Suspension—Coast Guard Personnel and Management Safety: The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1099, to make changes in laws governing Coast Guard personnel, increase marine safety, renew certain groups that advise the Coast Guard on safety issues, make miscellaneous improvements to Coast Guard operations and policies. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, March 22.

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Amendments: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H1061.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1035, H1035–36, and H1036. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on Federal Farm Commodity Programs, with the rice industry. Testimony was heard from Nolen Canon, Jr., Chairman, U.S. Rice Producers Association.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission: James E. Newsome, Acting Chairman; and Emory Beville, Acting Director, Office of Financial Management.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on